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FROM ONE MONTH TO THE NEXT

In the past month, life has changed in many ways as the threat of contagion with COVID-19 has turned normal day-to-day activities, such as going to the grocery store, into potentially life-threatening obstacle courses that require detailed advanced planning. On a larger scale, not only have international borders closed but, for the first time in our lives, our governor has issued a stay-at-home order and forbidden Marylanders from leaving the state.

Our thoughts have not rested, however, with the minor inconveniences of our own relatively fortunate circumstances (we are even accustomed to working from home since we are both past normal retirement age). WIKISTIM has attracted a large international following, and as COVID-19 has spread, we have been thinking of you and our other WIKISTIM members and hoping that each of you is safe and well. **We want to send our highest appreciation and greatest thanks to those of you working non-stop to save lives, even, in many cases, to the point of risking your own.** We hope you get through this challenge with the knowledge that you have not only given of yourself unstintingly to save humanity, you are offering an example of the most altruistic behavior possible.

Finally and humbly, we hope that those of you doing research from home will find WIKISTIM to be helpful as you continue to add to the store of scientific knowledge upon which we all depend. To save you some time, we continued the new feature that we started last month and have included links to free full-text publications whenever they are available. As has been our habit, you will also see links to articles published in the journal *Neuromodulation*; unlike all of the other non-PubMed links we provide, the articles to which *Neuromodulation* links point might require a subscription for access.

APRIL 2020 STATISTICS

Membership

In March, the number of our subscribers grew to 1204. Thank you for helping to spread the word!

Number of citations in each section

- DBS 5379, with 2 completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- DRG 123, with 9 completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- GES 497

- PNS 59 (limited to peripheral nerve field stimulation)
- SCS 2475 with 131 completed or partially completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- SNS 996

CITATIONS ADDED FROM SEARCH ON MARCH 30, 2020

Note: In the March 1st newsletter, we moved the list of most-clicked citations to the end of the citation list to eliminate a potential "top of the list" bias. The list this month, also at the end, includes four abstracts and four full-text links. Whereas in previous months we had carry-overs from month-to-month, this did not occur in March. Were we not conversant with the post hoc ergo propter hoc fallacy, we might be tempted to conclude that our effort to reduce the bias worked.

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